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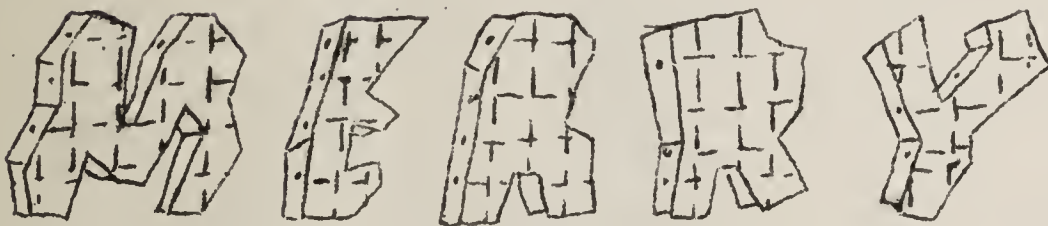
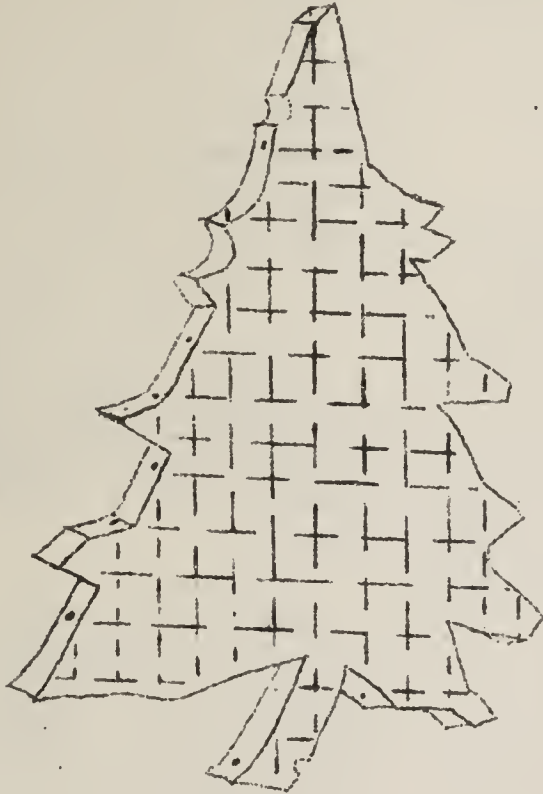
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L E A D E R

The New Zoo News now celebrates its second appearance, although under a new title, which makes it older than our New Zoo Building. With an air of seniority, therefore, we might look at one or two of the Problems of Youth.

At one stage, our department appeared to be in danger of losing some licence or other — Liquor Control Board officials were seen looking sceptically at the brownish liquid issuing forth from our "biological" fawcetts, but they left quickly because of a fire alarm. The firemen are reported to have had no difficulty entering the building .... A certain staff member has been heard to suggest that if the elevators had been installed at the LEFT end of the building it would have been easier to gesticulate while conversing with the silent occupants. We feel it necessary to quell the rumour that the construction on the roof, supposedly for hiding some pipes, is a new suite of rooms for our Chairman. Neither is it a new Men's Washroom for those on the third floor. It is in fact a new suite of rooms for the Dean of Scarborough.

But youth passes. When our building is as old as our paper, we may expect things to run smoothly. They'll have to run. The halls are so long.

OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION

What are the results of the following genetic crosses?

- a) Ewe x geranium = ?
- b) Pigeon x toad = ?
- c) Kangaroo x sheep = ?
- d) Hot dog x pet hen = ?
- e) Swan x bell = ?
- f) cat x tree = ?
- g) Ramsay Wright Z.L. x sea lion = ?
- h) Rye x girl x car = ?

(Answers are shown on page 3)

Quiz for Medical students:

- 1. What treatment would you prescribe for hydrocephaly?  
(Answer: a tap on the head.)
- 2. What treatment would you suggest for water on the knee?  
(Answer: a pair of pumps.)
- 3. A squirt is a drip under pressure. Discuss.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

In connection with the recent Christmas Final Examination, in which candidates were required to answer a question in one sentence only, the examiners beg to report that, on the whole, the question was well answered.

One candidate (#TSP-606), however, obtained NO marks on his paper: the examiners felt that one word, "No", did not constitute a sentence and were, therefore, unable to give him credit for the idea, unambiguous though it was, as he did not really answer the question as instructed. (It is emphasized that candidates should, in their own interest, read questions carefully before attempting to answer them.)

Appearing below is the paper submitted by candidate #HF-531, which was considered by the examiners to be worth no less than 100 marks:

"After long and thoughtful deliberation of the issues involved in this apparently simple request, most ambiguously stated I might add, I feel that an answer in the affirmative might perhaps in these circumstances be misleading, misrepresentative and wholly inadequate, since at present the author's future state of health, both in body and spirit, are unknown to him and most of the rest of the free thinkers; and thus any definite committal about future events may have to be revoked at an untimely and belated date, while an answer in the negative is most unacceptable due to the fact that it is not the author's intention to have the Christmas Party, a noble and long-standing tradition in the hallowed halls of the University of Toronto's Zoology Department, fail miserably due to a contribution of moral apathy by the author which will compound the general lack of interest usually found in these activities, already shared by a large segment of the student, and I might add staff, body.  
(Summary: YES)"

STOP PRESS

Dr. Fry is currently reported to be working on estimates of morality in fish populations.  
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Dr. Butler is attempting to breed a pink chick to lay easter eggs.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

The Cud, Vol. I, December, 1965

A symposium of selected regurgitations from predigested papers presented before a select group, Subspecies Homo sapiens teawithcoo-kis.

1. Dr. Kenneth C. Fisher - Physiology of hibernation in mammals.

Sleep: is it real, imaginary or nocturnal? Does physiology help significantly or should lemmings be counted? Modern statisticians discount sheep as 99% pure wool, 1% fuzz, 4½% low interest rate.

2. Dr. Arthur M. Zimmerman - Physical and chemical aspects of the meiotic apparatus.

Purchase of this apparatus is essential to the department. No substitute is available. Results in the field of research will inevitably justify initial cost, however great.

3. Dr. David J. McCallion - The application of immuno-chemical methods in embryology.

A consensus of opinion among mature adults favours physico-punitive methods of control in the early stages of development of mammalian young.

4. Dr. Richard A. Liversage - The relations of nerves and endocrines to amphibian limb regeneration.

Have you lost an arm? A leg? Your nerve? No longer at home on land and sea? Bothered by human relations? Have yourself committed to the Graduate School, be endocrinated by this master surgeon and join the Re Generation.

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LATE FLASH ...

Dr. Rigler has sworn on a copy of Hutchinson that he is not Professor Immer Faulwasser.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

In keeping with the new trend, certain course names have been changed. Henceforth Paleontology will be known as "New, Modern, Acellular Biology."

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For the next Christmas Show, there will be a special attraction ... Ike Temple and his Go-Go Girls.

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Dr. Eriksen: "Too bad you fellows can't do your research at your summer cottage."

Dr. Harvey: "Bless our hot dechlorinated home."

Dr. Rigler: "Of the group phosphorus, arsenic, antimony and bismuth, phosphorus is the only member that is never found free in nature."

Mr. Temple: "Who changed the lock on my office door?"

Dr. Sullivan: "Would anyone like me to give a violin recital at the Christmas Party?"

Dr. Berger: "... only two and a half hours to go before the 'Children's Hour'."

THE PUBLIC EAR

Our roving reporter understands that a certain professor may be considering offering lessons, at very favourable rates, on the cello and/or double bass. We assume he has to raise funds to finance a recent major purchase. Any inquiries may be addressed to Box 329.

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NEWS RELEASE. In a recent interview with John Fraser, it was disclosed that there is one foolproof method of distinguishing a Japanese-made camera from those produced elsewhere. It is this: on releasing the shutter, one hears "CRICK" rather than "click".

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Forwarding address urgently required ... It has come to our attention that mail addressed to a certain professor, R. Wright by name, is accumulating at an alarming rate. Suggestions for its disposal will be appreciated.

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TRAVEL. We hear that Merle Hanes may be induced, for a small fee, to give a series of illustrated public lectures on diseases of Mexico — of which she has personal experience.

Answers to Objective Examination:

- a, uranium; b, pigeon-toed;
- c, woolly jumper; d, pooched egg;
- e, signet ring; f, pussy willow;
- g, department seal; h, wry neck.

A contribution to the development of a field technique for measuring light intensity based upon the extinction principle.  
(OR: How to have your research and eat it too.)

by

A. Non et Al<sup>1</sup>

### INTRODUCTION

It is well known that visible radiation is an important ecologic and genetic factor, i.e. it exists in the environment (references too numerous to mention). Observations can be considered scientific when they can be reduced to measurements. Visible radiation can be measured by means of instruments known as light meters. Some people (e.g. us) have been known to leave their instruments at home; therefore, it would be a major contribution if somebody would think of a way of measuring light without a meter. We have.

At first we considered the Beaufort scale for wind velocity. Some examples will explain the principle:

Smoke rises vertically - - - no wind;  
Leaves moving - - - - - gentle breeze;  
Branches moving - - - - - breeze improving;  
Skirts moving, etc. - - - - very pleasant breeze, etc.;  
Heavy chairs horizontal - - - relatively strong wind.

Now if this system is applied to the measurement of light, some such scale as the following might be used:

Can't see anything - - - - - no light;  
Can see a large object at  
3 ft. (horse or a tree) - very, very dark;  
Can tell a person from a  
horse at 3 ft. - - - - - very dark;  
Can tell most men and women  
apart at 3 ft. - - - - - dark;  
Can tell Non from Al - - - - - still in the dark.

Now it will be obvious that this can go only so far (perhaps you think it's already gone too far). At higher intensities it will be light enough that vision doesn't improve much with further brightness. In other words this scale only works for rather low intensities (anyway, who carries horses and women in case it gets dark?).

The above approach could be used at higher light intensities if neutral filters were utilized to reduce the intensity at the eye of the observer. In the absence of instruments, filters must be constructed from some readily available standard material.

This problem had to be faced at Go Home Lake two years ago when it was desired (for some reason we don't remember) to decide whether an aladdin lamp threw as much light as a propane fixture. The fixtures were in different cottages and no direct comparison was possible as no light meter was available. The balance of this paper deals with the research undertaken on that occasion.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish we could acknowledge a grant from some agency but none was received. We thank our wives for their enthusiastic encouragement without which our time might have been better spent on something else. No friends were willing to read the manuscript; anyway errors are the sole responsibility of the editor (as any scientist knows).

### STUDY AREA

The research took place in a frame building at lot 48 Go Home Lake in the Township of Gibson, District of Muskoka, Province of Ontario (from the tax bill). Bed rock is gneiss. The building is surrounded by white red pines (Pinus strobus and resinosa). No observations were made of ground cover since it was dark outside (we are afraid of the dark). No weather data were obtained since there were no instruments. We realize this may invalidate the results to some extent.

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<sup>1</sup> Present address of professors Non and Al uncertain. Address at time of submission, Dept. of Zoology at a well-known Canadian university.  
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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The problem was to measure light intensity by the ability of an observer to distinguish standard objects under standard conditions. The standard objects used in this study were the 'Dear Abby' column from the Toronto Evening Telegram (home edition) for August 5, 1961 and the number of fingers on the palm of the human hand.

The first method used to lower light intensity (see Introduction) was to narrow the eyes to slits, using the voluntary muscles that control the movement of the eyelids. However, standardization proved difficult owing to inherited variation in eyelashes. Unfortunately, an extensive series of data had to be discarded on this account.

A search was conducted to find some substance to be used as a filter having the following properties:

- readily available;
- translucent;
- of a neutral colour, preferably white;
- of standard thickness;
- conveniently shaped for stacking several together, e.g. square with a rigid frame for handling.

A substance having all these properties (and according to the manufacturer many others irrelevant in this context) was located in the kitchen area. Brand X vitaminized sliced white bread was used. Extensive screening (with the aid of butter and strawberry jam)<sup>2</sup> rapidly eliminated any slices not homogeneous in composition or containing minor defects, e.g. holes that could be seen through.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the first set of experiments it was attempted to read the newspaper through a slice of bread. Results were clear cut (i.e. significant to the nth degree). We can state without any doubt that it is absolutely impossible to read a newspaper through any slice of bread not rejected as described in the Materials and Methods. We venture to say that this would hold true even in direct sunlight at noon with no cloud cover. Now this may seem like a negative result. It is!

In the second set of experiments a human hand (white male, left, with palm directed towards the face) was inserted between the eye of the observer and the lamp. Filters (described above) were held between the hand and the eye. Results are shown in Table I.

Table I

No. of filters	Fingers observed using various sources of light		Remarks
	Aladdin	Propane	
0	5.0	5.0	clearly visible
1	4.9	5.1	outline visible
2	0	0	no hand
4	0	0	no comment
8	0	0	no more bread

It will be obvious to the reader that by this method the intensity of the two light sources cannot be distinguished. The results using the slice of bread may be rather puzzling but having examined the hand in question, the authors believe they can be accounted for by experimental error.

If you cannot easily see through the bread, you can at least see the rationale of the experiment. Time not consumed in getting results was spent consuming the materials. Materials and results not consumed were left for the birds. Numerous future summer projects can and have been proposed in grant requests to several bakeries. If several grants are approved, comparative studies will be possible. The use of students enrolled in the field course has been proposed as cheap labour. Students carrying scholarships, fellowships or sandwiches will also be considered.

CONCLUSION: As one hip scientist said to another, "It takes 'bread' to do really good scientific work".

<sup>2</sup> This was the sticky part of the project. All discarded filters joined the contents of the gastro-intestinal tract (and its associated fauna and flora) of the observers.

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LOCAL ZOOLOGISTS ADVANCE POLLUTION RESEARCH

(by A. Halting Wordflow)

"We are determined to lead zee field in pollution." This was the attitude of Herr Dr. Prof. Immer Faulwasser, expressed during an interview granted to me on the occasion of the official opening of the new Ramsay Wright Zoological Laboratories. According to Dr. Faulwasser, the entire department is participating in pollution research, partly because they wish to help mankind, but primarily because they share a profound conviction that it will materially increase their research grants.

The most revolutionary feature of the new building is the inclusion of "built in" facilities for pollution research that compel every staff member to participate, to a greater or lesser extent in the pollution problem. The research, likewise, is revolutionary for it is directed, not towards the old types of pollution caused by sewage and industrial wastes, but towards the pollution of the future, "We haff examined zee trends" said Dr. Faulwasser. From their study of modern packaging techniques and methods of disposal, our Zoologists have concluded that soon a new and dangerous form of pollution will arise from the corrosion of the iron cans in which all liquid products will be marketed. Improvements in the design of 'kitchen sink' disposal units will shortly allow them to convert the sturdiest beer can into a contorted mass of lethal shreds capable of penetrating the plantar pads of the toughest sewer rat. As they see it, the problem is twofold: the shredded metal must be corroded before the trunk sewers become clogged; and the resulting rust must be eliminated from the water supply. To facilitate the study of these problems their entire water supply has been designed to simulate the projected condition of our city sewers.

To accomplish this end, immense technical problems had to be faced and overcome. First, two room-sized charcoal tanks were installed at great expense to remove the chlorine which could prevent bacterial action. Then a system of iron pipes was designed to carry dechlorinated water to every laboratory in the building, and constant attention was essential to prevent the mechanical consultants from substituting unsuitable materials such as glass, copper or plastic. The complicated biological and chemical theory behind this design cannot be explained fully (even by Dr. Faulwasser), but briefly it rests on the assumption that any tap is used intermittently. This allows the alternate development of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria which adequately accelerate the normal corrosion of iron pipes. According to Dr. Faulwasser, the periods of anaerobiasis accompanied by production of CO<sub>2</sub> (the bubbles in Coca-Cola) prevent the formation of a protective layer of 'boiler-scale' which could "utterly deystroy zee botentialities off our zystem".

Although Dr. Faulwasser adamantly insisted that the present system produced copious supplies of water heavily polluted with bacteria, sulphur and iron oxides, other professors who were not completely satisfied with the original design admitted that unanticipated human shortcomings have detracted from the adaptability of the system. The graduate student body, an inveterately lazy form of animal life, shares these facilities with the staff, and many students have refused to walk to the washrooms to obtain pure water. Instead they have allowed water to run continually from their taps. This has upset the delicate, intratubular ecosystem so much that the supply of suitably polluted water is sometimes exhausted before the morning coffee break. Some critics feel that the supply could easily be extended to provide material over the full four-hour working day by imposing stricter tap rules on all graduates. However, others argue that the students will find a way of circumventing any regulation and that a better solution would be to modify the existing plumbing by adding huge, deadwater storage tanks (all iron of course) and by increasing the mean flow path to all laboratories. My impression was that a third part of the staff joined Dr. Faulwasser in opposing any remedial measures.

Speaking for the appreciative, can-using public, I can only say "GOOD LUCK ZOOLOGISTS" and "may your issue be blessed with union".

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DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie:

I was a happily married skunk with five kids at home. Lately, however, my wife has been avoiding me. She says that she can't stand the sight of me, but a close personal friend suggested that it might be my odor. I was wondering if you could be more definite, one way or the odor.

STINKER

Dear Stinker:

It is often hardest for those closest to you to be frank about such a personal matter. Try using an effective deodorant, such as nitric acid, and see whether your relations with your wife improve.

ANNIE

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Dear Annie:

I have been making tea with the rusty water since we moved into the new building a year ago. During this time I have developed a progressive atonia, asthenia and astasia and a galloping didecokinesis. Do you think this could be related in some way to the rusty water?

SHAKY

Dear Shaky:

No. Buy a new tea bag.

ANNIE

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Dear Annie:

I have remained a bachelor while teaching at the Department of Zoology for 38 years. I have finally met a girl I really like. Do you think it proper for a man of my age to marry a girl in the 1st Year General Course? Do you think that this might interfere with my eventual promotion?

ASST. PROF. STEINKOPF

Dear Professor Steinkopf:

How did you manage to remain a bachelor for 38 years in the Department of Zoology? I have heard that it is a very hard thing to do — first let me offer my congratulations.

I would carefully examine your feelings towards this girl and if they are sincere I would resign from your position and register in the 1st Year General Course and start again. You are then no longer in a position to worry about criticism

from your colleagues, and as for eventual promotion — forget it; after 38 years you need not worry.

ANNIE

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Dear Annie:

I have very liberal views on most activities, so when I met this very attractive chap at the bar last week and he persuaded me to come to his residence with him, I accepted. We spent most of the night at his place, and when my parents found out, they told me to pack my things and get out. In these modern times do you consider this type of treatment entirely reasonable?

DROSOPHILA

Dear Drosophila:

You do not mention your age, but assuming that you are not a minor, it is probably best that you find accommodation of your own. As long as you live with your parents, you should conform to their standards. You do not mention your sex either, so I cannot completely solve your problem.

ANNIE

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Dear Annie:

I am at last driven to the extremity of protesting the situation with respect to the toilet paper in the women's (and presumably the men's) washrooms. I realize that this may seem to be in bad taste but necessity drives me to air my complaints, even though it may put me in a bad light.

My complaint is this: time after time (I AM sorry I have to go so often) I find when I turn to that last essential, which I must use before leaving the throne room, that there is not even the slightest corner available to my grasping fingernails. It is not too annoying if I happen to be clothed in my lab coat, which is usually armed with an assortment of screwdrivers, pens, etc.; nor is it too frustrating if, even though without a lab coat, I am equipped with stiletto heels. Today, however, I was reduced to the indignity of having to remove a garter in order to provide myself with that bit of tissue without which I could not leave the inner sanctum. King Solomon sat upon his throne for many years, but I am NOT King Solomon! Please do something.

I remain (sometimes longer than I wish),

(SIC TRANSIT) GLORIA

Dear Gloria: I shall probe the (t)issue. ANNIE

SUBVERSIVE GROUP EXPOSED . . . . .

It appears that there is, at the present time, a growing tendency in undergraduate teaching to encourage students to think. Revolutionary steps such as this tend to produce underground activity and stimulate the formation of subversive groups. In a brilliant coup by our reporting staff the activity of NONSENSE (Near Organization for the Necessary Setting and Execution on Non-Sequitur Examinations) has been uncovered. This group is dedicated to the overthrow of the traditional exam by subversive means. The following script was revealed as part of one of their plots — the exact nature of which remains a mystery.

Answer the following examination. Allow yourself time, especially for the questions, and think carefully before you read. Marks will be allotted according to answers.

1. "There are seven days in a week". Justify this statement.
2. What is a question? Describe some ways in which you think questions may be considered to be more complex than answers. Of what importance is this?
3. In what ways do you consider?
4. "Out of the following, list those connected with the concepts below, together with those NOT concerned with any of the five types or structures related to, or forming an integral part of, any object which you may, or may not, consider to fall in one or more of the preceding categories." Discuss.
5. "Homo sapiens is the scientific name for man" say the scientists. Discuss.

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MORE CURRENT RESEARCH

- W. E. BECKEL: The kissing bug - its symptoms, epidemiology and treatment. Seasonal variation and the effect of mistletoe.
- J. BERGER: The possible evolution of marriage from commensalism to parasitism.
- R.O. BRINKHURST: The culture (art, literature and music) of sludgeworms.
- D.G. BUTLER: The eel's heels?
- C.S. CHURCHER: The sabre-tongued chairman, with particular reference to fossils in the front seats of Room 110.
- G.M. CLARK: The effects of chronic irradiation on the sex life of graduate students.
- C. ERIKSEN: Ecology of vertebrates frequenting small lakes and (swimming) pools, especially such bodies as wear bikinis.
- H.H. HARVEY: The use of Alka-Seltzer in the control of flatulence in trout.
- R.R. LANGFORD: Over-enriched lake water as a reducing diet.
- G.M. NEAL: Social rehabilitation of a neglected group of microscopic animals known as Rotifers.
- T.S. PARSONS: His research interests are in the comparative anatomy of vertebrates. Works closely with C. Eriksen (whom see above).
- D.H. PIMLOTT: An internationally recognized wolf.
- T.E. REED: Research interests include human disease and BLOOD. Suspected of inherited vampirism.
- J.J.B. SMITH: He is investigating the nature of vibration receptors . . . . watch out, girls.
- I. TALLAN: Currently working with Lamda. (Do we know her? Ed.)
- A.M. ZIMMERMAN: Phenomena of cell division in the growth of the Communist Party.



XMAS IN ZOOLOGY

(to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas")

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me -  
"How's Christmas in zoology?"  
The second day of Christmas was to decorate a tree  
With turtle doves, no partridge in a bare tree.  
On the third day of Christmas was added, happily,  
French speaking hens teaching all the birds  
To chirp in French fluently.  
On the fourth day of Christmas, professors let them free  
40 calling birds, bilingual hens, two turtle doves in sparrows' own  
territ'ry.  
On the fifth day of Christmas professors gave to me - five NRCs  
Re the calling birds, etc., etc.  
On the sixth day of Christmas the lab men found to be  
Cockroaches laying, one mantis praying - one mouse that sings!  
With the calling birds, etc., etc.  
On the seventh day of Christmas a student saw with glee  
Seven lemmings swimming, fish tanks a-brimming, with five cold lings,  
While the calling birds, etc., etc.  
On the eighth day of Christmas the staff were asked to tea -  
Eight maids came clomping, squirrels were chomping, some students  
romping, exchanging rings?  
And the calling birds, etc., etc.  
On the ninth day of Christmas administration said "Let's see ---  
We've nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-coffeeing, only five cold  
drinks?  
Stop the calling birds, etc., etc."  
On the tenth day of Christmas the office ceased at three -  
Ten professors sleeping, ladies still dancing? maids now a-homing, in  
five old cars.  
On the eleventh day of Christmas - first time in history -  
Clean water pipes are piping, two professors dancing, caretaker sleep-  
ing, As Santa brings  
Crumbs for calling birds, English tapes for hens, and the sparrows  
their very own tree.  
On the twelfth day of Christmas there was no one left to see  
Woodpeckers drumming, operations humming, no telephone rings for the  
calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, all singing  
in their own tree. — MERRY XMAS.

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ENTOZOLOGY

(Dedicated to Forestry I-IV; may be sung to tune of "McNamara's Band")

When first as callow freshmen to the campus we did come,  
We really drove our microscopes and made our pencils hum;  
Now as we finally totter toward our Forestry degree,  
We realize how things revolve 'round Entozology'.

Chorus

Oh, we study worms and mammoths and the sizes in between,  
They're all caused by Zoology a-messin' with the gene;  
From the North Pole to the South Pole, there's no beast we haven't seen.  
They're all caused by Zoology a-messin' with the gene.

One day they gave us a dinosaur: we had to determine its sex.  
We dissected it with a chain-saw and a double-bitted axe.  
And when we got the thing apart, you should have seen the mess;  
But whether it was her or him, we couldn't even guess.

When beetles chew our pulpwood, and the profits disappear,  
When on our pines we scarce can see a single verdant spear,  
And not a log we find to occupy our logging gear,  
We know that entozology's fouled up another year.

And when on Abitibi's shores I hear the moose-flies roar,  
When out of Kapuskasing's swamps the swarming blackflies pour,  
Or when the KVP mosquitoes wallow in my gore,  
I yearn for old Toronto and its zoological lore.

THE 'OPTIMISMS' OF A ZOOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT

Are you feeling low after a glass of water  
Because it tasted like crude oil?  
So being a scientist you filtered the stuff  
and found a micro tiger in the residue.

Are you fuming like nitric acid because  
your .1N solution of ethyl alcohol isn't .1N  
but .1 plus 8 fruit flies and they are all singing  
"Hello Dolly" for the sixtieth sick time.

It's your night at the B.C. and it's almost over  
and your adrenal glands are pumping like all hell;  
you have used up every possible defence mechanism  
to counter the barrage of questions until somebody asks you  
"Why are you doing this particular line of research?"

You've been expecting a shipment of Asian hamsters from Petropavlovsk  
for a month and find that you were sent a crate full of balalaikas  
instead and you know there has been a mix-up since you found one  
hamster strumming, "Gee, isn't it fun to ride with you on a tractor  
built for two?"

You say you're a demonstrator and your lab talks just don't seem to  
make it so you went out and bought a lab coat five sizes too small so  
as to be in the 'groove' with the 'younger set' and the first time  
you wore it you spilled coke all over it.

Cheer up fellah, things could be pessimistically dull.

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THE SCARS AND GRIPES FOREVER

(to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

K. C. Fisher's building now is known as Ramsay Wright;  
To get a structure like this didn't come without a fight;  
He got the Board of Governors to finally see the light.  
But his staff kept working on.

Chorus: Glory, glory to the Zoo Group (repeat twice)  
And the staff kept working on.

Ray Langford, Friend and Beckel thought to dream, in fact to wish  
This building it would be the end, in fact would be just swish;  
Tom Parsons did the furniture and Harvey did the fish  
And the staff kept working on.

They argued short, they argued long, they argued out each point;  
While Atwood, Falls and Sullivan chose their part of the joint.  
The plans were laid from time of start to when we could annoint  
And the staff worked on and on.

The building it got finished up, the lights when off were lit,  
The fire bells they did ring and ring, and down the stairs we'd flit.  
The cold rooms and the soundproof suite had doors that wouldn't fit.  
And the staff worked on and on.

Ide, Liversage and Rigler all had trouble with the taps,  
Zimmerman his darkroom; and Pimlott lost his maps.  
Machin, Engelbert and Neal had rooms that had some gaps  
And the staff still worked hard on.

Butler, Fry and Churcher too dropped in upon occasion.  
Eriksen and Machin and Hatton left the nation.  
Solandt kept busy with the charts, and Clark his radiation  
And the staff kept working on.

Up upon the roof top, sticking up so straight and bare,  
Were many stacks of stove-pipe at which all types did stare;  
They finally built a fence around to hide all that hot air  
And the staff kept working on.

Urquhart and his butterflies and Williams with her mice -  
Speirs worked at the library and Tallan at his flies;  
All the old guard worked so hard to get their building nice  
And the staff kept working on.

And so we've got a building new, its areas so bold  
So all the new professors too can teach with all the old,  
But the tech. staff and the secretaries do the work we're told  
And the staff keep working on!

A CHRISTMAS STORY

1. 'Twas the night before Christmas,  
When all through the wood,  
Not a creature was stirring,  
'Cept little riding hood.
2. "I'm off to my grandmothers,"  
She said with a smile,  
"I've a basket of goodies  
And she's going to get well."
3. But when she arrived  
At grandmother's doorstep,  
The wolf was in bed  
Wearing grandmother's corset.
4. "My, what big teeth you have,"  
Or so the story goes.  
"Of course - I'm a wolf -  
What did you suppose?"
5. "Come in my dear,  
I've been waiting for you.  
Tonight is Christmas Eve,  
And I've a bone to chew."
6. "Everyone thinks  
I'm as bad as can be,  
But really I'm not,  
Though it's not plain to see."
7. "Every man with an axe  
Has been after my hide.  
Every hunter, every trapper,  
Has searched far and wide."
8. "And really my dear  
You're to blame for this.  
You've told such a story  
In such innocent bliss."
9. But just at that moment  
Came a thunder of hoofs,  
As reindeer alighted  
On grandmother's roof.
10. And then to the chimney,  
Lickity - split,  
Came a jolly old man,  
Ever so quick.
11. He hit the cold floor  
Without making sound,  
And jumped to his feet  
With lightning bound.
12. "Forget all your troubles,  
It's Christmas, my boy;  
And come here, my dear,  
I've brought you a toy."
13. "And for you, old wolf,  
I've got a surprise."  
And he opened his sack  
And reached inside.
14. Then strung a row of bottles  
Upon the ground.  
Cried: "Merry Christmas to you,  
You guzzling hound."

CLASSIFIED ADS

Fun and games for all. Monday thru  
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LOST on afternoon of December 14,  
in vicinity of General Office, one  
slightly used tea bag (good for at  
least three more cups of "char").  
Finder please return to Pat Barni-  
cott, REWARD.

PUBLIC NOTICES

To avoid needless confusion, before  
reporting a breakdown in telephonic  
communications, please determine  
whether or not the operator in the  
General Office has the mouthpiece  
at her ear.

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Human rights ... pagan rites ...  
Anyone interested in joining the  
EWESAY WRONG SOCIETY for Animal  
Rights, please consult the Animal  
Room Committee. Recruiting drive  
now on.

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Let's be positive - - - there are  
still FIVE shopping days before  
Christmas!

